

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the third paragraph appearing on page 14 of the current specification, with the following:

The DNAs were collected at large amounts using a Qiagen DNA purification kit, and treated with restriction enzyme BamHI/Sall so as to make a DNA fragment. The DNA fragment was electrophoresed on low-melting agarose gel so as to obtain about 3-Kbp DNA fragment containing an enhancer, a promoter, TCTP cDNA and a rabbit beta-globin poly A-tail. Gel containing the DNA fragment was cut and placed in high salt buffer (20 mM Tris-HCl, 1.0 M NaCl, 1.0 mM EDTA, pH 7.4). The collected DNAs were finally purified using an ~~Elutip-D (Schleicher & Schuell) column~~ column (ELUTIP-D14[®] manufactured by Schleicher & Schuell), dialyzed in microinjection solution (10 M Tris-HCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, pH 7.4) and controlled to a concentration of about 4-6 ng/μl. Then, 50μl of the DNA solution was placed into each well and stored at -20°C for use.

Please replace the first paragraph appearing on page 15 of the current specification, with the following:

The embryos microinjected with the TCTP gene were cultured in a CO₂ incubator to the two-cell stage, and then healthy embryos were selected and implanted. First, an ~~anesthetic (Avertin)~~ anesthetic (tribromoethanol, AVERTIN[®] manufactured by Winthrop Laboratories) was injected into the abdominal cavity of the surrogate mother mice at the amount of 0.5 mg/10 g body weight to achieve the general anesthesia of the mice. The abdominal wall midline of the anesthetized mice was incised about 1 cm, the ovaries and oviducts were taken out, and the embryo was implanted into each of the oviducts.

After confirming that the ampulla of the oviducts slightly swollen, the oviducts and ovaries were carefully placed again into the abdominal cavity, and the muscular layer and the outer skin were sutured to each other.